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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Eric Kmiec et al.  
Application No. : 10/681,074 Confirmation No. : N/A  
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For : METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR REDUCING  
SCREENING IN OLIGONUCLEOTIDE-DIRECTED  
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE ALTERATION  
Group Art Unit : N/A  
Examiner : N/A

Palo Alto, CA 94301  
January 7, 2004

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 12.